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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY BOARD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-57e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) There is established the Connecticut Transportation Strategy  
4 Board, [within the Office of Policy and Management for administrative  
5 purposes only,] the members of which shall be appointed as follows:

6 (1) Five members from the private sector who have expertise in  
7 transportation, business, finance or law as follows: (A) The Governor  
8 shall appoint one member [ , who shall be the chairperson, and] whose  
9 first term shall expire on June 30, 2005, (B) the president pro tempore  
10 of the Senate shall appoint one member whose first term shall expire  
11 on June 30, 2004, (C) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
12 appoint one member whose first term shall expire on June 30, 2003, (D)  
13 the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member whose first  
14 term shall expire on June 30, 2003, and (E) the minority leader of the  
15 House of Representatives shall appoint one member whose first term  
16 shall expire on June 30, 2002;

17 (2) One member from each TIA, for which position the chairpersons  
18 of the board of the local planning agencies in such TIA, after  
19 consulting with the participants in such TIA, shall nominate, for  
20 consideration by the appointing authority, three individuals who live  
21 in such TIA and who have significant experience in and knowledge of  
22 local, regional and state governmental processes, including at least one  
23 chief elected official in a town in such TIA. If the chairpersons of the  
24 board of the local planning agencies in such TIA fail to nominate three  
25 qualifying individuals within one hundred eighty days of the  
26 expiration of the previous appointment term, the appointing authority  
27 may appoint an individual meeting the qualifications of this  
28 subdivision. Appointments shall be made as follows: (A) The  
29 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
30 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation shall appoint  
31 one member from the southeast corridor TIA, whose first term shall  
32 expire on June 30, 2002, (B) the president pro tempore of the Senate  
33 shall appoint one member from the I-91 corridor TIA, whose first term  
34 shall expire on June 30, 2003, provided, on and after July 1, 2006,  
35 subsequent appointments shall be from the I-84 corridor TIA, (C) the  
36 speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member  
37 from the coastal corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,  
38 2004, (D) the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member  
39 from the I-395 corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,  
40 2005, and (E) the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
41 appoint one member from the I-84 corridor TIA, whose first term shall  
42 expire on June 30, 2005, provided, on and after July 1, 2006, subsequent  
43 appointments shall be from the I-91 corridor TIA; and

44 (3) The Commissioners of Transportation, Environmental  
45 Protection, Economic and Community Development and Public Safety,  
46 [and] the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the  
47 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of  
48 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
49 transportation, or their respective designees.

50 (b) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board who is  
51 appointed as provided in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this  
52 section, each subsequent appointee to the board shall serve for a term  
53 of four years. No [person] such appointee shall serve as a member of  
54 the board for more than two consecutive terms. A vacancy in the  
55 position of an appointed board member shall be filled by the  
56 appointing authority for the remainder of the term.

57 (c) The board shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from  
58 among its members and may employ an executive director, who shall  
59 have extensive knowledge and experience in transportation planning,  
60 and a board administrator. The board may establish such  
61 subcommittees as it deems appropriate and appoint the members of  
62 such subcommittees from among its members. [Ten] Twelve members  
63 of the board shall be present to constitute a quorum.

64 (d) The members of the board shall not be compensated for their  
65 service as members of the board.

66 (e) The board may issue guidelines for coordination and  
67 organization to the TIAs. These guidelines shall not constitute  
68 regulations, as defined in subdivision (13) of section 4-166.

69 (f) [The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall be  
70 responsible for staff support for the board.] The board may employ  
71 two persons to act as support staff. The [secretary] board may utilize  
72 the staff of [said office and, in consultation with the responsible agency  
73 head, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Economic  
74 and Community Development, or any other state agency for that  
75 purpose] the Department of Transportation in carrying out its  
76 planning and other responsibilities. Within available appropriations,  
77 the board may hire consultants. [with approval by the secretary, and  
78 such consultants shall be procured through the Office of Policy and  
79 Management or the Department of Transportation, as determined by  
80 the secretary.]

81 (g) The Transportation Strategy Board is a public agency, as defined  
82 in section 1-200, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, and  
83 is a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, for purposes of  
84 chapter 10.

85 Sec. 2. Section 13b-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
86 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

87 Comprehensive long-range planning concerning the future  
88 transportation needs of the state shall be coordinated and performed  
89 by the [department under the direction and supervision of the  
90 commissioner] Transportation Strategy Board, shall be directed to all  
91 available and future modes of transportation including, but not limited  
92 to, transportation by highway, air, water and rail, and shall be  
93 designed to assure a modern, safe and efficient system of  
94 transportation facilities and services.

95 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 13b-57g of the general statutes is  
96 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
97 *passage*):

98 (a) Not later than January 15, 2002, the board shall propose to the  
99 General Assembly an initial transportation strategy, and, not later than  
100 January 5, 2011, the board shall propose to the General Assembly  
101 revisions to such transportation strategy. Such revisions shall include  
102 an estimate of funds needed to implement such revised strategic plan  
103 and the long-term transportation plan, recommendations to restrict the  
104 uses of the Special Transportation Fund, and recommendations for  
105 additional revenue sources for said fund.

106 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 13b-57g of the general statutes is  
107 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
108 *passage*):

109 (g) The board shall include in the strategy and any revisions to it (1)  
110 a projection of the required capital investments and operating costs

111 over the next succeeding ten years, and the recommended sources of  
112 such funds, and (2) a distinction between transportation costs for  
113 operations and maintenance and transportation investments which  
114 shall (A) be based on the strategy and evaluated against strategic goals,  
115 (B) provide additional benefits that are tangible and attainable, (C)  
116 include a range of transportation uses including, but not limited to,  
117 transit, airways, highways, waterways and freight, to gain public  
118 support, (D) reach as many people as possible throughout the entire  
119 community in each TIA, and (E) respond to widely perceived needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	13b-57e
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	13b-14
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	13b-57g(a)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	13b-57g(g)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide the Transportation Strategy Board with greater independence, increase the membership of the board to include the chairpersons and ranking members of the transportation committee and require the board to submit a revised strategic plan to the General Assembly.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*